History 104

Europe from Napoleon to the PRESENT

Guggenheim Museum
Bilbao, Spain (detail)
Frank Gehry, 1997
Final Exam: Wednesday, 30 April, 12:30-2:30 in this room

Part One: answer TWO out of SIX essay questions (30% each)
--these questions will cover the entire course; you should support your answer with reference to specific examples (people, events, texts, images); count on spending 35-40 minutes on each answer and writing at least five substantial paragraphs for each

these six questions will be selected from twelve which I will post on the course website on Friday morning (25 April 2008); after the questions are posted, you are “on your own”—Michael and I will not answer any questions after that point

Part Two: comment on FOUR out of EIGHT passages or images (10% each)
--these will be materials we have covered since the last midterm; format is identical to that on the first two exams for this course
Restoration Europe (1815-1848)

Hyacinthe Rigaud, *Louis XIV* (1701)  
[oil painting, approx. 9' x 6']

Charles X (1824)

official coronation portrait
Liberal Europe and Constitutional Monarchy

Queen Victoria opening the Great Exhibition of 1851 (Crystal Palace) in London
Karl Marx (1818-1883) and Friedrich Engels (1820-1895)

“Scientific” socialism based on how people really are, not how they *ought* to be

“All hitherto existing history is the history of class struggle”

“In bourgeois society, living labor is only a means of increasing accumulated labor; in Communist society, living labor will be a means of enriching and promoting the existence of the worker. … In bourgeois society, therefore, the past dominates the present; in Communist society, the present dominates the past.”

Class defined by relation to the means of production; as forms of production change through time, so too do classes

“dialectics”—change in history is not simple progress: the bourgeoisie overthrows the aristocracy, but that is not the end of class conflict; instead, the bourgeoisie itself becomes a dominant class, oppressing the proletariat

“In every era, the dominant ideas are the ideas of the dominant class”

“Subscribe to *Nowy Mir* [New World],” Soviet poster 1927.
It is forbidden to forbid.

UNDER THE PAVING STONES: THE BEACH!!

Humanity will only be happy, when one day the last capitalist is strangled with the guts of the last leftist.

The basic problem is the position of man in socialism... If we try to keep people, either as individuals or as members of a certain group in the position of objects overwhelmingly directed from above, one tendency will be more and more evident: People will begin to separate the pursuit of their own private interests from the pursuit of the collective, group, and social interests.

Zdenek Mlynar, Toward a Democratic Political Organization of Society (1968).
States and Nations in Europe, 1815-present

**State**
- political, administrative entity; formed through law and bureaucracy

**Nation**
- group of people who are believed to have something in common (“ethnicity,” language, culture, history)

**Nation-State**
- ideal of making political and “ethnic” boundaries coincide

**Nationalism**
- ideology that argues that a “nation” has the right to political self-determination

(please note) this is *not* necessarily the same thing as “patriotism” or xenophobia (hatred/fear of foreigners)

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1. Men are born and remain free and equal in rights
3. The principle of sovereignty resides in the nation

*Rights of Man and Citizen, 1789*
Revolution in Europe, 1789-1945

French Revolution
nationalism
participation of ordinary people in public-political life

revolutionary tradition
violence as legitimate political tool
possibility that people can re-make this world

review of major course themes
Weimar Republic, attacked from Left and Right: Spartacist League (KPD) and the Free Corps

late Oct. 1918 mutiny by German navy in Kiel
Nov. 9 Kaiser William II abdicates
Nov. 11 end of war; provisional govt formed
Dec. 1918 Freikorps (Free Corps) begin forming
Jan. 1919 most radical members leave govt
Jan. 15, 1919 Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxembourg murdered by Free Corps troops
July 1919 constitution of German Republic written and ratified in provincial city of Weimar